

Timothy W. Gibson,

Plaintiff,

v.

Sheriff Lee Foster,
Sgt. Richardson, and
Newberry County Detention Center,

Defendants.

ORDER

In the absence of objections to the Magistrate Judge’s Report, this court is not required to provide an explanation for adopting the recommendation. *See Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199

(4th Cir. 1983). Rather, “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a *de novo* review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (*quoting* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note). Furthermore, failure to file specific written objections to the Report results in a party’s waiver of the right to appeal from the judgment of the District Court based upon such recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *see Wells v. Shriners Hosp.*, 109 F.3d 198, 200 (4th Cir. 1997) (“[t]he Supreme Court has authorized the waiver rule that we enforce. . . . ‘[A] court of appeals may adopt a rule conditioning appeal, when taken from a district court judgment that adopts a magistrate’s recommendation, upon the filing of objections with the district court identifying those issues on which further review is desired.’”) (citing *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 155 (1985)).

After a thorough review of the Report and the record in this case, the court finds the Report provides an accurate summary of the facts and law. Plaintiff has failed to state a plausible claim for relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 as against NCDC and Foster. Only “persons” may act under the color of state law; therefore, a defendant in a § 1983 action must qualify as a person. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 1983; *see also Monell v. Dep’t of Soc. Serv.*, 436 U.S. 658, 690 n.55 (1978) (defining “persons” to include individuals, and corporate and political bodies). Because NCDC is a complex of inanimate buildings, and not a “person” as defined by the law, dismissal is appropriate. In addition, Plaintiff fails to allege any wrongdoing by Foster, thus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B), Plaintiff’s Complaint should be dismissed as to Foster. “In the absence of allegations of personal wrongdoing or of sufficient knowledge of the wrongdoing of others, the Complaint should be [dismissed] insofar as it makes [] Foster a party.” (ECF No. 25 at 6.) For

these reasons, the court **ACCEPTS** the Report (ECF No. 25), and **DISMISSES** Plaintiff's Complaint (ECF No. 1) as to NCDC and Foster.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Michelle Childs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

United States District Judge

February 1, 2018
Columbia, South Carolina